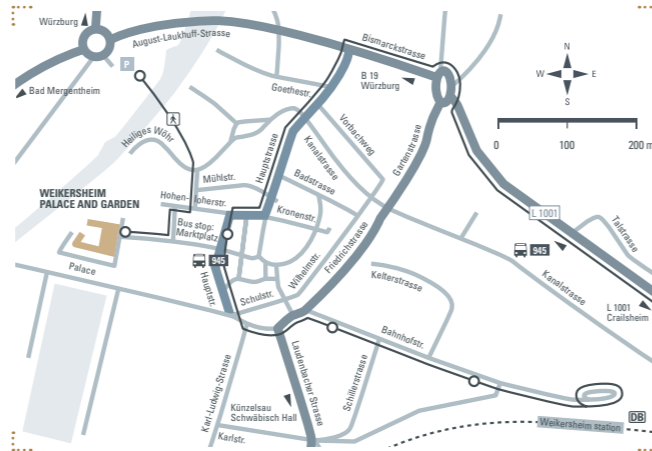


A RENAISSANCE AND BAROQUE DELIGHT

WEIKERSHEIM PALACE AND GARDEN

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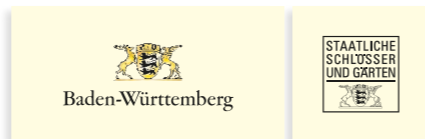
GETTING THERE

By public transport: From Bad Mergentheim to Weikersheim by train; alternatively, take the bus that runs between Crailsheim and Bad Mergentheim.

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From the air, the astonishing layout of Weikersheim is revealed: The palace is triangular!

MAGNIFICENT AND IDYLIC

Weikersheim Palace is one of the most important comital residences in the state. Built around 1600 in the Renaissance style by the House of Hohenlohe, the palace underwent an extensive renovation in 1709 under Count Carl Ludwig. He wanted to draw attention to his accomplishments and lineage through valuable decor. Following his marriage to the higher-ranking Princess Elisabeth Friederike Sophie of Oettingen-Oettingen, and the considerable dowry that accompanied her, the residence was lavishly furnished.

Carl Ludwig's successors only used the former residence as a secondary seat, which is why Weikersheim Palace is particularly well preserved, largely in its original condition. Many of its Baroque treasures are hard to find elsewhere, such as the *state beds*, with elaborate carvings and magnificent fabrics, Ansbach glazed earthenware, and gold leather wallpaper.



Weikersheim Palace (*Schloss Weikersheim*) is widely regarded as the most beautiful palace in the Hohenlohe region. And the glorious Baroque garden, with its colorful cast of statues, is sure to enchant and delight.

Set in the scenic landscape of the Tauber Valley, Weikersheim Palace lies at the heart of the small town of Weikersheim. With its beautiful garden, the palace embodies the Renaissance ideal of a country estate.

A RENAISSANCE HIGHLIGHT IN THE SOUTHWEST

In 1586, Count Wolfgang II von Hohenlohe (1546–1610) took up residence in the former moated castle and promptly ordered it expanded into a representative palace.

The *lavishly decorated Knights' Hall*, built around 1600, constitutes a pinnacle of Renaissance architecture in southwestern Germany. It is one of the best-preserved ceremonial halls of its time. The wide ceiling in the hall is famous for its recessed panels adorned with colorful hunting scenes. Equally impressive is the depiction of animal figures on the walls—the elephant is a favorite.

The beds are arranged according to the original plans; the plantings vary over the course of the year



The Knights' Hall is very memorable! The large stucco sculptures depict game – including elephants

DWARFS' GALLERY IN A PLEASURE GARDEN

When Count Ludwig von Hohenlohe (1674–1756) took possession of the residence at the start of the 18th century, and ruled here for almost 50 years, the palace and park were redesigned and have been maintained almost entirely to this day. The palace pleasure garden was constructed and crowned with an orangery, which had a harmonizing effect and borders the garden like a theater backdrop. The *Hercules Fountain* is located in the heart of the Baroque complex

and features a dragon in the center that spits water many meters into the air.

The most distinctive feature of the palace grounds: the 75 Baroque statues that populate the garden. Of these, the whimsical „Weikersheim dwarfs“ are the best-known: Count Carl Ludwig has some of his retinue immortalized here in a dwarfs' gallery. While grotesque creatures lurk at the edge of the garden, the elegant statues in the parterre portray classical figures such as Apollo and Diana. There are also allegorical representations of the Planets, including Mercury, Saturn, Venus and Mars, the seasons, and the elements.

Center: A superb backdrop: The heated Orangery once sheltered valuable plants in the winter months; now it is an event venue

Right: A garden full of surprises: The famous Weikersheim dwarf sculptures are not just ordinary garden gnomes

VISITOR INFORMATION

HOURS	04/01 – 10/31	11/01 – 03/31
PALACE	Tue – Sun and holidays 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Tue – Sun and holidays 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM <i>Closed December 24, 25 and 31</i>
	<i>Last admission 1 hour before closing</i>	
PALACE GARDEN	Tue – Sun and holidays 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Tue – Sun and holidays 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM <i>Closed December 24, 25 and 31</i>

Please visit our permanent exhibitions.
Hours can be found at www.schloss-weikersheim.de/en

TOURS	04/01 – 10/31	11/01 – 03/31
PALACE	Hourly as of 10:00 AM during regular hours <i>Group tours by arrangement; special tours as per online program and by arrangement; tour in German</i>	
PALACE GARDEN	<i>Advertised garden tours are listed in our events calendar and online; these can be booked separately</i>	

ADMISSION	04/01 – 10/31	11/01 – 03/31
PALACE AND GARDEN (incl. palace tour)		
Adults	€ 6.50	€ 6.50
Discounted	€ 3.30	€ 3.30
Families	€ 16.30	€ 16.30
Groups of 20 or more	€ 5.80 (per person)	€ 5.80 (per person)
Groups under 20	€ 116.00 (flat fee)	€ 116.00 (flat fee)
Foreign language surcharge	€ 40.00 (additional)	€ 40.00 (additional)
	<i>Additional €100.00 for visits outside regular hours</i>	

GARDEN (incl. the “Wasserkunst & Götterreigen” permanent exhibition)

Adults	€ 3.50	€ 2.50
Discounted	€ 1.80	€ 1.30
Families	€ 8.80	€ 6.30
Groups of 20 or more	€ 3.10 (per person)	€ 2.20 (per person)

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